

tremendous peer pressure from a sixteen, seventeen or eighteen year old to provide that sixteen, seventeen, and eighteen year old with alcoholic beverages. I think this amendment to Senator Kelly's bill gives this nineteen year old the backup to overcome that peer pressure by being able to say, no, it is illegal for me to buy off sale. Now the amendment and the bill isn't going to solve the problem. I think everybody on this floor knows that but those people that want to say no, we are giving them the help to make it easy for them to say no. I would urge you to vote for this amendment and then urge you to support Senator Kelly's amendments and then let's pass Senator Lewis' bill.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Dworak's amendment to the amendment. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to adopt Senator Dworak's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. Next amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator F. Lewis now moves to amend the Kelly amendment. Read. (See page 1059, Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, if we want to get to the issue, we just can't tell the age anymore that people relate to other people at. I am not sure twenty-one is it. Sometimes I think twenty-two year old people talk to seventeen year old people. In fact, that was the age that my wife and I both were at when we were married. Sometimes twenty-three year old people talk to twenty-one year old people and sometimes even thirty-nine year old people talk to people that age but usually they are their children and what they have to say to them they don't listen very well anyway. So I think after carefully looking at the issue, after seriously doing some soul-searching, I have determined that age of demarcation at which there is a split between those who are truly young and those who are not so young is thirty-nine. Now if Senator Kelly wants to address this issue, if alcoholism with the young people is where it is, then we ought to do this. In Oklahoma, they went further than that, of course. They had prohibition and as I grew up as a fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty year old child, I never saw an ounce of booze in my life unless you went to the bootlegger, unless you were drinking in the back of a car, unless you were on the county road somewhere. I do not mean to demean Senator Kelly's genuine attempts. I believe he is indeed sincere. I think he is indeed concerned. I think every member of this Legislature is concerned. The problem that I think this is becoming, this is becoming a prohibition issue or non-prohibition issue. Senator Kelly, I also have statistics to show about alcoholism with those that are not so young, with those that are at their productive years and I will show you the one from General Motors plant which shows that. The concern that I have had throughout this discussion for two years, and these are not easy speeches to make because it is not popular, because it is not something one wants to say, that problem has to be addressed in a logical fashion. Senator Kelly, with his amendment, is certainly not going to dry up alcohol to young people. Senator Kelly,